3152 Dn JammuTawi-Sealdah Express near Khanna station on 26.11.1998.

The report of the Commission is awaited.

(ii) *Justice G.N. Ray Commission of Inquiry*

This Commission was appointed in August, 1999 to inquire into the Head on Collision between 5610 Up Delhi-Guwahati Awadh Assam Express and 4055 Dn Dibrugarh-Delhi-Brahmaputra Mail on 2.8.1999.

The inquiry report was submitted in January, 2001. Action on the accepted recommendations are at various stages of implementation.

(iii) *Justice S. Saghir Ahmed Commission of Inquiry*

This Commission was appointed in February, 2001 to inquire into the Collision between 3005 Up Howrah-Amritsar Mail and derailed wagons of Dn Foodgrains Special near Sarai Banjara station on 2.12.2000.

The report of the Commission is awaited.

Train from Sambalpur to Delhi

2475. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the people of Orissa, due to absence of daily, direct Express train between Sambalpur and Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken to run a direct train between Bhubaneswar and Nizamuddin *via* Talcher and Sambalpur, during the current financial year;

. (c) whether the existing Hirakud Express is proposed to be made a daily train, in addition to that new direct train; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) 8407/8408 Bhubaneswar-Nizamuddin Hirakud (Tri-weekly) Express is directly available forTalcher-Sambalpur-Nizamuddin passengers. Introduction of additional train between Sambalpur and Delhi and daily running of Hirakud Express are not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.